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LBJ Should Give Facts on Viet War, Goldwater Declares

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Republican presidential nominee Barry M. Goldwater said yesterday that if there is a crisis in South Viet-Nam President Johnson should tell the American public "the truth, tell it fully, and tell it promptly."

He said the Administration "has never taken the American people into its confidence" on Viet-Nam and that it has never "even admitted that we have a real and nasty war on our hands."

In a statement issued on the eve of his first campaign swing into the normally Democratic South, Sen. Goldwater said that if the situation in South Viet-Nam is deteriorating the Nation has a right to know. He added that "this is not the time to be fighting a war in the dark."

Hints Manipulation

The Senator repeated his charges that the Johnson Administration was not beyond "manipulating a foreign policy crisis in order to influence the election." This, he said, was what was done with the Cuban missile crisis before the congressional elections in 1962.

Mr. Goldwater said there have been piecemeal indications that the "cloud is growing darker" over Viet-Nam. As an indication of this, he continued, the American Ambassador to South Viet-Nam, Maxwell D. Taylor, gave President Johnson a "pessimistic" report on the military situation.

Added to this, he said, was a news item that U.S. forces in Viet-Nam were actually surveying the beaches just in

case an invasion may become necessary.

Taylor also suggested "increased anti-communist pressures," to Mr. Johnson, Goldwater said. "If this includes pressure against the Communist economy and its supply lines, it is another instance of this Administration belatedly following advice that we have been giving for months."

Goes South Tuesday

Mr. Goldwater's statement came at the end of a four-day campaign swing through the West and the Midwest. Next Tuesday he opens his first invasion of the South.

The first stop will be Winston Salem, N.C. The Tarheel State hasn't voted Republican since 1928. Sen. Goldwater plans three stops in the State. He will be in Raleigh Thursday and in Charlotte a week from Monday.

All told, Mr. Goldwater will take his bandwagon into eight Southern states. The seven others are Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, Louisiana and Texas.

The next leg of his trip will take him through Missouri and into Indiana and West Virginia.

Once his Southern tour is over, the Senator will take on a whistle-stop train trip through three key Midwest states—Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

Republican National Chairman Dean Burch said the five day, 33-stop campaign tour would start Sept. 29 at Marietta, Ohio, and wind up in Chicago.